

Virginia Green Outdoors & Sports



Kayak the Eastern Shore with Burnham GuidesOnancock, VA



Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

Kayak the Eastern Shore with Burnham Guides

We operate kayak camping trips and practice Leave No Trace ethics.

We adhere to Leave No Trace outdoor ethics.

We purchase locally-sourced products whenever possible, educate our customers about Leave No Trace outdoor practices, packing out all our waste on kayak trips, often picking up others' trash from waterways.

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Recycle.

- Glass bottles
- Cardboard
- Plastic bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Newspapers
- Office paper
- Printer/copy machine toner cartridges
- Electronics equipment computers, etc. (may be required law)
- Please identify your recycling vendor(s) or service (the company and/or local government that collects your recyclables) (*required for Virginia Green*): _____ Davis Disposal

Minimize the use of disposable food service products.

- Do not use any

Reduce solid waste.

- Track overall solid waste costs (required for Virginia Green)
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste

Dining room (or during meetings/events)

- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

Restrooms

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Buildings and grounds

Use water efficiently.

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs (required for Virginia Green)
- Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
- Low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Utilizes native species
- Have installed rain barrels

Conserve energy.

- Track overall energy bills (required for Virginia Green)
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Use natural lighting

Source of energy

- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

Offer a green events package

- We do not host conferences or events



For more information on **Kayak the Eastern Shore with Burnham Guides**, see www.burnhamguides.com/vir www.burnhamguides.com/virginia or contact Mary Burnham at mary@burnhamguides.com or 305-240-0650.

For more information on the Virginia Green program,

see www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx.

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